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SECRETARY HITCHOCK.

Senators and representatives from this and other western states who have met with opposition in geiting their rec ommendations for appointments in the interior department accepted have been held up to the public as not having the right kind of a stand in with the administration, says the Walla Walla Union. Not so much is heard along this line in this state since Senators Ankeny and Foster were successful in the Vancouver land office appointment, and are in a fair way of having a similar result in the Spokane land office. The howlers are not howling quite so vociferously. The trouble all along has not been that the senators were without influence with the president, but because Secretary Hitchcock senators and representatives, and proposed to run the whole affair to suit himself. Other senators and members of congress have had even more trouble with the garrulous Mr. Hitchcock, The Minnesota delegation, especially, have is the courteous way in which he states his position;

"I do not care what the public thinks about my acts as a member of ports to the department. The member the cabinet, and you may understand also, that it is a matter of utter indifference to me what you senators and representatives in congress think about my official acts."

This remarkable statement was made by Secretary Hitchcock to one of the leading members of the Minnesota delegation in congress. It was in the midst of a scene which probably never had a parallel in the history of the relegislattive branches of the government and one of its administrative officers.

For a long time there has been complaint among public men as to the manner in which Secretary Hitchcock acts in his dealings with them, but this episode is the most remarkable that has come to light in connection



with the service of this eccentric cab-

How long President Roosevelt will permit a member of its official family to deport himself toward the leading members of congress as Secretary Hitchcock has been doing, is a question to the party all over the country. He has already done much to embarass the administration and from his latest declaration he seems disposed to conset himself up against the president, tinue the objectionable course he has followed so assidulously in the past. The occasion of his outburst to the

Minnesota delegate was the simple fact that he nad called on the secretary to inquire in regard to the summary enforced resignation of former been having trouble with him and this Governor A. H. Burke, of North Da- is under the ban from Gen. Funston, kota, who has been charged with the the public land office and making re- onment. merely wished to know the facts in the case and if there was anything that could be done in Mr. Burke's behalf, and as a reward for his courteous inquiry received the statement from the secretary quoted above.

It is a remarkable thing for a member of the president's cabinet to say "that it is a matter of indifference to me what you senators and representatives in congress and the public think lations between the members of the of my official acts." It shows what manner of man they have to deal with and that it is not for lack of a "stand if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's sigin" that they have not had their rec- nature is on each box. 25c.

mmendations for appointments acted upon, but because of the self-importance assumed by the grouchy secretary of the interior.

For arrogance and ignorance Hitchcock takes the bakery. His treatment of members of both branches of congress is unjustifiable and in time the beer guzzling pride of St. Louis will lose his scalp, in much the summary manner he has taken them. Will he then emulate the bangman of Dickens creation who, being sentenced to the rope himself, became very penitent and begged for a hearing?

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